

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An oxidation catalyst composition obtained by reacting aqueous hydrogen peroxide with at least one member selected from the group consisting of

(a) a tungsten metal compound of tungsten and
an element of Group IIIB, IVB, ~~VB~~ or VIB excluding
oxygen, and

(b) a molybdenum metal compound of
molybdenum and
an element of Group IIIB, IVB, ~~VB~~ or VIB excluding
oxygen,

provided that said tungsten metal compound is not tungsten
carbide.

2. (Currently Amended) An oxidation catalyst composition
comprising

(i) a composition obtained by reacting aqueous hydrogen
peroxide with at least one member selected from the group
consisting of

(a) a tungsten metal compound of tungsten and
an element of Group IIIB, IVB, ~~VB~~ or VIB excluding oxygen,

(b) a molybdenum metal compound of molybdenum and an
element of Group IIIB, IVB, ~~VB~~ or VIB excluding oxygen,

(c) tungsten and

- (d) molybdenum, and
- (ii) an organic solvent.

3. (Previously Presented) The oxidation catalyst composition according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the metal compound is tungsten boride, tungsten disulfide, tungsten sulfide or molybdenum boride.

4. (Previously Presented) The oxidation catalyst composition according to claim 2, wherein the organic solvent is t-butanol or methyl t-butyl ether.

5. (Previously Presented) The oxidation catalyst composition according to claim 4, which is dehydrated.

6. (Previously Presented) The oxidation catalyst composition according to claim 5, wherein dehydrating is conducted by using anhydrous magnesium sulfate.

7. (Currently Amended) The catalyst composition according to claim 1, wherein the at least one member is a member selected from the group consisting of

tungsten boride, tungsten silicide, ~~tungsten nitride, tungsten phosphide,~~ tungsten disulfide, tungsten sulfide, molybdenum boride,

molybdenum carbide, molybdenum silicide, ~~molybdenum nitride,~~
~~molybdenum phosphide~~ and molybdenum sulfide.

8. (Currently Amended) The catalyst composition according to claim 2, wherein the at least one member is a member selected from the group consisting of tungsten, molybdenum, tungsten boride, tungsten carbide, tungsten silicide, ~~tungsten nitride,~~ ~~tungsten phosphide,~~ tungsten disulfide, tungsten sulfide, molybdenum boride, molybdenum carbide, molybdenum silicide, ~~molybdenum nitride,~~ ~~molybdenum phosphide~~ and molybdenum sulfide.